

Louisiana Emergency Preparedness



A S S O C I A T I O N

The **2007 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop** held June 4-June 7 at the Shreveport Convention Center was a great success! We had 240 full registrants, 40 exhibitors, and 13 sponsors!

Attendees of the Workshop had the opportunity to receive up to 19 hours of continuing education at the Tuesday and Wednesday courses. These courses covered such topics as The Changing Face of Emergency Management in the United States, Louisiana's Prospective on Emergency Management Today and more. Registrants also had the opportunity to attend the IS 701 & 703 NIMS courses offered on Monday, June 4, as well as the HazMat Training held on Thursday, June 7.

When not attending educational courses, Workshop attendees had many opportunities for networking and socializing. The Workshop featured a President's Reception, a Membership Banquet, a visit to the Comedy Club, and the always popular Hospitality Suite.

The 2007-08 scholarship recipients were honored at the Membership Banquet. They included students Brian Bechtel, Michael Bitton, Ezra Boyd and Devyani Kar.

The Membership Banquet also gave LEPA the opportunity to honor the 2007 LEPA award winners. ***(More information on the award winners can be found on the website at www.lepa.org.)***

The Workshop was successful thanks to our many volunteers, sponsors and exhibitors. Without them, the Workshop would not be possible. With their help, next year should be even better! We hope to see you all there!

Sponsors & Exhibitors listed on pages 4 & 5.



ES&H Account Representative, Todd Rivera, with Workshop attendees, Pat Arnold and Amy Dawson (both from GOHSEP) and Pat Rainey (LSU Health Care Services Division).

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MESSAGE FROM LEPA'S PRESIDENT

Dear LEPA Members:

I would like to begin by saying that I appreciate the opportunity this organization has given to me to serve as president this year. I hope to serve you well and I have great plans for LEPA.



I would like to thank the workshop committee and Past President Sharlot Edwards for their great job organizing the June workshop that was held in Shreveport. John Boudreaux has already begun planning next year's workshop. It will be the first week of June in Baton Rouge.

The Board has been hard at work on the future of our fine organization. On July 19 & 20, a Strategic Planning Workshop was held at Cypress Bend. Many new and innovative ideas were brought forward during this important workshop. Some of these ideas will be discussed in upcoming issues of the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to ExxonMobil for sponsoring this event.

I would like to welcome our new Board Members and Officers and remind the membership that all board meetings are open to the public.

On a somber note, as I was writing this article I learned of the passing of one of LEPA's founding and lifetime members, Mr. Nathan McCrimon. He was a former Emergency Preparedness Director of St. Tammany Parish. Nathan was a fine individual, as well as a friend and mentor to many of us in the Emergency Management field. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during these times.

Sincerely,

Michael Deroche

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President

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Lake Charles	October 29, 2007
Livonia	October 30, 2007
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New Orleans	November 1 - 3, 2007

For more information on TRANSCAER or current tours, please visit www.transcaer.org or contact: Tom Robinson at tmrobinson@up.com or 225-338-2935. • Andy Mosher at andrew.mosher@dow.com or 225-353-8392.

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Submit articles to the LEPA Office
by the following dates:

Winter Issue	December 15th
Spring Issue	March 15th
Summer Issue	June 15th
Fall Issue	September 15th

MESSAGE FROM GOHSEP'S DIRECTOR



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are reaching the mid point of the 2007 hurricane season and we have been blessed and lucky so far, with no storms threatening our coast. Storm forecasters predict the 2007 hurricane season will be an active one.

As the season progresses we still continue to prepare and fine tune our plans between local, state and federal entities. We must be prepared to respond to storms rapidly to ensure the safety of Louisiana's citizens.

An example is working closely with our federal, state and local partners in locating logistical distribution points to ensure the necessary commodities can be issued to our citizens as rapidly as possible in the event of an emergency. Working together, we can plan ahead to set up distribution points and get them operational as quickly as possible during an emergency situation.

The agency has purchased a Mobile Command Post to assist in the response and recovery efforts for all natural and man made emergencies. The Mobile Command Post serves as an "on-the-scene" extension of GOHSEP. The unit is a 2006 Freightliner equipped with full radio, satellite, phone and internet capability, which allows communicating from virtually any location within the state.

FEMA/DHS is sponsoring the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Pilot Program which includes the MyStateUSA portal. Our agency will be using IPAWS for public emergency notifications: MyStateUSA in conjunction with IPAWS will provide a web portal enabling the state and local officials to provide multiple means of public notification during emergencies. IPAWS consist of three methods of public notification, Web Alert and Relay Network Opt-In (WARN), Emergency Telephone Notification (ETN), Program for Hearing Impaired (PHIN). In addition, IPAWS will provide the ability to use new technology in conjunction with our existing Emergency Alert System (EAS).

On July 18, the State of Louisiana was awarded \$19 million from the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The PSIC Grant Program is a one-time-formula based matching grant program intended to enhance interoperable communications with respect to voice, data, and/or video signals. PSIC provides public safety agencies with the opportunity to achieve meaningful and measurable improvements to the state of public safety communications interoperability through the full and efficient use of all telecommunications resources.

We continue to conduct meetings with state and local officials to prepare for the 2007 Hurricane Season. On May 9 and 10, we conducted a statewide hurricane exercise in which federal, state and local agencies participated. The exercise allowed us to test and update emergency procedures around the state.

I encourage and challenge you to continue to work closely with local, state and federal agencies and our industry partners. Louisiana's homeland security and emergency preparedness community has reached an extremely high level of cooperation in building stronger and wiser methods to respond to and recover from disasters that may plague our state. Please take this time to renew your focus to improve communication and understanding in homeland security and emergency management.

Sincerely,
Perry Jeff Smith, Jr.
Acting Director
GOHSEP

2007 WORKSHOP EXHIBITORS

3M

Applied Industrial Technologies

Asplundh Environmental

Canberra Industries

Crowder Gulf

Data Technologies

DRC Emergency Services

EBS Voice Recording Solutions

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DEQ Radiation Program Receives Prestigious Award

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality received a certificate of recognition acknowledging the agency’s role in radiation control. The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and the Organization of Agreement States commended Louisiana for providing 42 years of outstanding radiation safety programs for the protection of our citizens, the regulation of radiation sources in our state, and the participation in the Agreement State Program of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the past 40 years. “We are extremely proud of this accomplishment. Regulating the safe use of radioactive material and radiation producing equipment is an important responsibility,” said DEQ Secretary Mike McDaniel. “I commend the staff members who have worked so diligently to secure the commendation.”

Radiation is a form of energy and is all around us. Everything around us is made up of small particles called atoms. The atoms in some matter are unstable and can split to form new matter. When this happens, it gives off energy called radiation. This energy can be used to make electricity, to treat cancer and in other beneficial ways.

Radiation sources come from such things as medical and dental x-rays, color televisions, smoke detectors and some watches with dials that glow in the dark. Small amounts of radiation come from nuclear power plants.

DEQ administers more than 540 radioactive material licenses and more than 3,613 x-ray registrations.



Louisiana Radiation Control Headquarters' Staff (from left to right): Ziad Fahd - Inspector, Joe Noble - Staff Scientist, Jeffrey P. Meyers - Radiation Control Director, Karen Ratcliff - Permit Writer, Brad Schexnayder - Permit Writer, Ann Troxler - Manager, Mike D. McDaniel, Ph.D. - LDEQ Agency Secretary, James Pate - Supervisor, Ji Wiley - Permit Writer, Dwayne Stepter - Supervisor, Kerstun Jones-Day - Enforcement Writer, Russell Clark - Inspector, Scott Blackwell - Inspector, Melanie Bauder - Permit Writer

LEPA Board of Directors Meetings

The meetings of the LEPA Board of Directors, unless otherwise noted, are held at 8550 United Plaza Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70809. The following meetings have been scheduled:

September 28, 2007
December 7, 2007
January 18, 2008
March 7, 2008
May 2, 2007
June 2, 2007

**If you plan to attend a Board meeting, please contact the LEPA office at (877) 405-5372 or (225) 408-4757 or via e-mail at office@lepa.org.*

TRAINING

Governors Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

<http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov>
225-925-7500

Louisiana State Police Emergency Response Training Center

<http://www.lsp.org>
225-777-4195 or 225-777-4104

LSU Fire and Emergency Training Institute

<http://feti.lsu.edu>
800-256-3473 or 225-766-0600

EVENTS CALENDAR

B.R.A.M.A.S .
Hazardous Material Training
August 28-30, 2007
Baton Rouge River Center
www.brgov.com

HotZone Conference
October 18-21, 2007
Houston, TX
www.hotzone.org

LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop
June 2-5, 2008
Baton Rouge
www.lepa.org



to our newly certified

Louisiana Emergency Managers

James Anderson Jr.
Genny May
Preston Gallup
Jeffrey Giering
Anthony Summers

Iberia Parish OEP
Louisiana State Police
BR Fire Department
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Check One:

- Individual Membership (\$75/year) Student Membership (\$20/year)
 Corporate Membership (see below)

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP DUES

# OF EMPLOYEES	ANNUAL DUES	ELIGIBLE MEMBERS
1-100	\$150	2
101-250	\$300	4
251-500	\$600	8
501-1000	\$900	12
Over 1000	\$1200	16

NAME: _____
 TITLE: _____
 ORGANIZATION: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY, STATE , ZIP _____
 PARISH: _____ PHONE#: _____
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Primary Areas of Interest: (Check those that apply.)

- Communications and Warning
- Shelter and Evacuation
- Law Enforcement
- Hazardous Materials
- Emergency Management
- Fire Services
- Radiological and Nuclear
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- Public Information and Education
- Health and Emergency Medical
- Other _____

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If Corporate Membership, show the primary contact for invoicing and attach a list of the other eligible members giving complete information on each.



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